

24-111. WEIGHING AND MEASURING VEHICLES.

(A) "POLICE OFFICER" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "POLICE OFFICER" MEANS:

(1) ANY UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER; AND

(2) ANY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE ASSIGNED TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE, BUT ONLY WHILE ACTING UNDER WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE.

(B) AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS; METHODS OF WEIGHING.

(1) IF A POLICE OFFICER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SIZE OR WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN ON A HIGHWAY VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE, THE POLICE OFFICER MAY REQUIRE THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE TO STOP AND SUBMIT THE VEHICLE TO A MEASUREMENT OR WEIGHING.

(2) THE WEIGHING AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) MAY BE DONE WITH EITHER PORTABLE OR STATIONARY SCALES; AND

(II) IN EITHER CASE, SHALL BE DONE BY METHODS ESTABLISHED BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND ADOPTED BY RULE OR REGULATION OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE.

(C) IMPLIED CONSENT OF DRIVER AND OWNER.

THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE ON ANY HIGHWAY IN THIS STATE CONSTITUTES THE CONSENT OF THE DRIVER AND THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE TO THE MEASUREMENT AND WEIGHING PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION.

(D) DUTY OF DRIVER.

THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL OBEY EVERY SIGN AND EVERY DIRECTION OF A POLICE OFFICER TO STOP HIS VEHICLE AND SUBMIT IT TO MEASUREMENT OR WEIGHING.

(E) SIGNS TO BE DISPLAYED ONLY BY CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS.

A SIGN USED TO DIRECT VEHICLES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE DISPLAYED ONLY BY A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS ASSIGNED TO ENFORCE THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 66 1/2, §14-111(a), (b), and (e).

Throughout this section, the term "vehicle" is